

## CLAIMS

1. A self-opening folding knife comprises,  
an elongated handle portion with an elongated knife blade extending  
therefrom,

5       said knife blade having a sharp edge portion and an oppositely disposed  
second edge portion,

      said knife blade having a shank end portion and a tip end,

      said shank end portion pivotally secured within said handle portion for  
movement of said blade from a first closed position within said handle to a

10       second locked open position,

      said shank end portion defining a reverse mounting edge surface,

      an engagement tab secured on and extending beyond a recessed  
mounting surface on the edge surface of said shank end portion of said blade,

      said engagement tab extending bi-laterally and transversely beyond said  
15       mounting edge surface.

2. The self-opening folding knife set forth in claim 1 wherein said upper  
surface of said engagement tab is co-planar with said knife blade second edge  
portion of said shank end portion.

3. The self-opening knife blade set forth in claim 1 wherein said  
20       engagement tab has an arcuate free end in spaced relation to said blade's  
retaining second edge portion.

4. The self-opening folding knife set forth in claim 3 wherein said engagement tab's arcuate free end has a textured engageable edge surface thereon extending to and including oppositely disposed spaced parallel exposed edges of said engagement tab extending bi-laterally therefrom.

5            5. The self-opening folding knife set forth in claim 1 wherein said shank end portion of said knife blade and adjacent said recess mounting edge surface is angularly disposed from said second edge portion and said handle portion and is co-planar with a corresponding upper surface of said engagement tab.

10           6. The self-opening folding knife set forth in claim 1 wherein said engagement tab has a mounting aperture therein for registration of a fastener therethrough into an aligned threaded bore in said recessed mounting surface.

15           7. The self-opening folding knife comprises an elongated handle portion, an elongated knife blade pivotally secured within an end of said handle portion for movement from a first position within said handle to a second position extending away from said handle,

              said blade having a sharp edge and an oppositely disposed second edge portion extending from a tip end to a shank end,

              an engagement tab extending transversely and longitudinally from said shank end edge portion in co-planar relation therewith,

20           a portion of said engagement tab in spaced angular relation to said secondary edge portion.

8. The self-opening folding knife set forth in claim 7 wherein said portion of said engagement tab in spaced angular relation to said second edge portion has a contoured free edge thereabout.

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